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## CANAGRAN WOMEN IN THE WAR

Women over 14 years of age in Canada	4,240,000
Women in industry (at Jan. 30, 1943)	1,152,000
Engaged directly or indirectly in war industry at June	
1, 1943Approximately	255,000
Engaged in other industry(at	936,000
Jan. 30, 1943)	830,000
Women students (at Jan. 30,1943)	309,000
Other women, including non-farm	
housewives (at Jan. 30,	1,629,000
Considered unemployable	300,000
In the armed services More than	31,367
W.R.C.N.S	12,500
R.C.A.F. (W.D.)	12,900
Nursing services " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	2,475
armed services	38

Women have played an important part in making Canada the fourth largest producer of war supplies among the United Nations.

By June 1, it was estimated there were 255,000 women engaged directly or indirectly in Canadian war industry. This is more than double the 120,000 employed directly or indirectly in war industry in June, 1942.

Canada has been depending on women to a large extent to bring its new and immense war industrial machinery to peak output during 1943. The British minister of labor has estimated 80% of the jobs in industry can be filled by women, and although Canada does not anticipate reaching this proportion in industry as a whole, the percentage of women employees in some new war plants is steadily nearing this mark.

Many thousands of women also are engaged in other essential duties, such as teaching, mursing, and clerical, stenographical and professional tasks.